

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 29th March 2015

Limerick Radio Club Rally- Cancelled

Regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Limerick Radio Club Committee has decided to cancel today's rally, Sunday 29th March 2015. They sincerely apologise to all concerned and regret any inconvenience caused. www.limerickradioclub.ie

2 metres Counties Contest

This contest takes place on Easter Monday, 6th April, from 2pm to 4pm local time. There are separate sections for portable and fixed stations, low power and high power, as well as an FM Only section for single ops and an SWL section.

To ensure everyone gets a fair chance of calling CQ, there is a special 'QSY Rule' to the effect that after any QSO in which you are called by another station, you must QSY to another channel (FM), or by at least 3 kHz (SSB), before soliciting another QSO, while the station answering the CQ or QRZ has the frequency for one more contact. See www.irts.ie/contests for more details.

The 2 metres counties contest is a very popular event, it's a good opportunity for individuals and groups to test VHF propagation.

Note that the Contest Manager is now Joe EI7GY, so any paper logs being sent should go directly to Joe at his home address - listed in the call book. Emailed logs go to contestmanager /at/ irts.ie

EI90IARU

IRTS has been issued with the call sign EI90IARU to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in Paris in 1925. The call sign is available for use by any EI station in the 26 counties holding a current amateur station licence.

Anyone wishing to use the call sign can do so subject to notifying Dave O'Conner EI6AL of the times/ bands/modes prior to going on the air so as to avoid any potential duplication. Anyone applying to use the call sign is considered to be undertaking to use it in accordance with the ComReg Regulations, Technical Conditions, Frequency

allocations and Guidelines relating to amateur stations.

It is also essential that logs (preferably in ADI format) are kept when using the call sign and copies emailed to Dave EI6AL so that a central log can be held for QSL or other purposes. Dave can be contacted at dave.ei6al /at/ gmail.com or by phone on 086 1000000

83rd IRTS AGM Dinner and Rally – 25th/26th April-

Kilkenny 2015

80% of the dinner tickets for the IRTS annual dinner on 25th April have now been sold or reserved. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner and who has not bought or booked their tickets are asked to contact the organising committee members as soon as possible via email at irtsagm /at/ searg.com Admission to the dinner is strictly by ticket only. This year's event takes place in Hotel Kilkenny.

The rally will be on Sunday 26th, doors opening at 11am and admission is €5.
Everyone Welcome!

Nominations for IRTS Awards

The IRTS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for “Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio” and “Awards to IRTS members for Other Achievements”. Details of these Awards are available at www.irts.ie under the Awards section. Nominations should reach the Awards Manager (Jim Holohan EI4HH; e-mail holohaj2/at/hotmail/dot/com

Southern Eastern Amateur Radio Group

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

The March meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 30th March at 8pm sharp. All members are asked to attend and new members are most welcome.

Follow SEARG on Facebook and on Twitter.

Mahé, Seychelles, IOTA AF-024, July 7th to 18th, 2015

March 24th, 2015

EI6DX will be staying on Mahé island in July. QTH is on the Northern side of the island with direct access to the sea and clear views to EU, RU and Asia. Equipment will include K3 and a vertical antenna with elevated radials installed on the beach.

A special QSL card will be designed and a photo gallery launched at www.ei6dx.com and www.lana.ie This is a casual holiday style operation. All QSLs via RX3RC (bureau or direct).

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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